

JC06 Rec'd PCT/PTO 28 MAR 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Atsunori HIRATSUKA et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0468A  
Filed March 28, 2005 :

FILTER AND BIOSENSOR HAVING THE  
SAME

[Corresponding to PCT/JP2004/005994  
Filed April 26, 2004]

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and any additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for:

- ☒ each U.S. Patent and U.S. Patent application publication;
- ☐ each reference previously cited in the international application  
PCT/\_\_\_\_\_; and/or
- ☐ each reference previously cited in prior parent application Serial No.  
\_\_\_\_\_.

1a. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

within three months of the filing date (or of entry into the National Stage) of the  
above-entitled application, or

before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits or the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of an RCE,

**and thus no certification and/or fee is required.**

1b. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted

after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance or an action which otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and thus:

(1) ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, **or**

(2) ☐ the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

1c. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

after the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance or action which otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus:

**the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, and**

**the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.**

2. It is hereby certified

a. ☐ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement, or

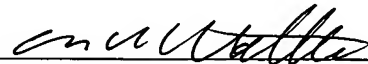
b. ☐ that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement.

JC06 Rec'd PCT/PTO 28 MAR 2005

3. ☐ Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.
4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:
- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
  - b. ☒ the International Search Report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
  - c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 2,
  - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
  - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- JP 2001-183363 corresponds to U.S. 6,319,719;  
JP 2001-515216 corresponds to WO 99/9042;  
JP 2003-503716 corresponds to WO 01/2737; and  
WO 02/10735 corresponds to U.S. 2002/0148726.
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Atsunori HIRATSUKA et al.

By   
Charles R. Watts  
Registration No. 33,142  
Attorney for Applicants

CRW/asd  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021  
Telephone (202) 721-8200  
Facsimile (202) 721-8250  
March 28, 2005

JC06 Rec'd PCT/PTO 28 MAR 2005

FORM PTO 1449 (modified)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICELIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S)  
(Use several sheets if necessary)

Date Submitted to PTO: March 28, 2005

ATTY DOCKET NO.  
2005\_0468ASERIAL NO.  
NEW

10/529483

APPLICANT  
Atsunori HIRATSUKA et al.FILING DATE  
March 28, 2005

GROUP

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,319,719	11/2001	Bhullar et al.			
	AB	2002/0148726	10/2002	Yamamoto et al.			
	AC	6,290,685	9/2001	Insley et al.			
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO	
	AG	2003-102710	4/2003	JP			Abstract	
	AG	2001-183363	7/2001	JP				
	AI	2001-515216	9/2001	JP				
	AJ	2003-503716	1/2003	JP				
	AK	99/09042	2/1999	WO				
	AL	01/02737	1/2001	WO				
	AM	02/10735	2/2002	WO			Abstract	
	AN							

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AO	
	AP	
	AQ	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED